

Road Signs

• DID YOU KNOW?

In order to be an attentive and defensive driver, you need to get your senses involved: be comfortable with the *feel* of your car; *listen* for noises in and around your vehicle; pull over if you *smell* something suspicious (like gasoline) and most importantly, always keep a close eye on your surroundings. Keeping your head clear and your eyes on the road is one of the most important things to remember when you are in the driver's seat. Most crashes happen when drivers are distracted and aren't able to pay full attention behind the wheel.

Can your surroundings help you be a better driver? You bet! Road signs are posted to help you navigate your vehicle and assist you when it comes to sharing the road with other cars. Road signs help you with the basics, like when to stop and how many miles per hour you can drive safely. But did you know that they can also warn you of falling rocks or of sharp turns coming up? It's true! Once you become a more experienced driver it will become second nature to recognize and follow road signs. But at first, they may be somewhat of a mystery. Click on the "Fun Facts" section to learn the meanings of a few of California's road signs.

• FUN FACTS

Check out the examples of common road signs below. You'll be surprised at how helpful these signs are when you are on the road.



Keep to the right of the traffic island.



No pedestrians allowed.



Two lanes will merge in to one.



Roadway narrows ahead.



Watch for falling rocks.



Pavement is slippery when wet; drive with caution.



Deer crossing.



Traffic control person ahead. Drive slowly and watch for instructions.



Caution, pedestrians may attempt to cross the roadway.